

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, second paragraph (amended):

The magnetic levitation railway is a track-guided transport system with non-contact levitation, guidance and propulsion technology. The levitation and guidance system works on the principle of electromagnetic levitation, which is based on the attractive forces between the levitation magnets of lacuna in the underbody of the vehicle and the ferromagnetic reaction rails, the so-called stator packs, which are installed beneath the track. The levitation magnets attract the vehicle to the track from beneath, and the guidance magnets installed at the side hold the vehicle laterally in the track. The levitation and guidance magnets are arranged over the entire length of the vehicle on both sides. The essential element of this technology comprises the track supports forming the track, which take on the functions of support, guidance and levitation of the vehicle and transmit the loads via the main supporting framework to the bearings; from there, the loads are passed to the ground via the substructures and the foundations.